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Radio Station Bombing Plot Trial Begins

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A self-described Ku Klux Klansman, accused of blowing up a radio station here went on trial yesterday in federal court charged with conspiring to blow up two stations of the same chain in California.

Jimmy Dale Hutto, 24, who says he is a member of the United Klans of America, is being tried before U.S. District Court Judge James Noel.

Hutto was arrested last January by FBI agents and charged with planning to blow up stations owned by the Pacifica Foundation in Los Angeles (KPFFK) and Berkeley (KPFA).

In June, a state grand jury indicted Hutto and Louis R. Beam Jr., 24, another self-described Klansman, with bombing the Pacifica station here Oct. 6, 1970.

The two Pasadena, Tex., chemical workers and two other men were arrested last January by the FBI near Houston as they allegedly were driving to California.

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Conviction in Radio Station Bomb Trial

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A Houston area member of the Ku Klux Klan faced up to 12 years in prison after being convicted Tuesday of plotting to blow up radio stations in California.

Jimmy Dale Hutto, 24, of Pasadena, Tex., also was found guilty by a jury of six men and six women on two counts of federal gun law violations.

Sentencing was set for October 2.

Hutto said he will appeal the convictions.

He was convicted of conspiring to destroy transmitters of radio stations KPFFK in Los Angeles and KPFA in Berkeley, both owned by Pacifica Foundation.

Hutto is under indictment in Houston in state court also on a charge of blowing up the transmitter of Pacifica's Houston station in 1970.

Jurors found that Hutto was able to buy a pistol despite the fact that he had been committed three times to mental institutions. The law forbids purchase or possession of a gun by a convicted felon or a person who has been judged mentally incompetent.

FBI agents arrested Hutto with Russell Rector, 18, and Rosford Styron, 20, last January 15 as they drove west from Houston.

Rector and Styron testified they were fellow members with Hutto in the United Klans of America and he recruited them to help him blow up the transmitters of the California stations. They decided not to go through with the plot and notified the FBI, they said.

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Main defense lawyer is J.B. Stoner of Georgia.

KPFA broadcast 9 Sep of phoned report from KPFFK, Houston: "He has a long history of association with right wing organizations, principally the strongly racist States Rights Party, on which platform he has run for political office."